

REMARKS

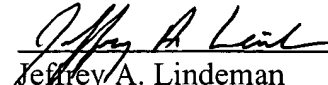
As informed by Examiner Crane, Applicants delete the schemes on pages 42, 44 and 48 and insert newly drawn schemes. In addition, Applicants amend claims 1, 24 and 25 by adding the phrase “water-soluble” before “linear cyclodextrin copolymer.” Water solubility is the inherent property of these cyclodextrin copolymers as they are lyophilized from aqueous fractions. *See* Example 5 (page 31, line 27), Example 7 (page 32, line 13), Example 8 (page 32, line 21), Example 10 (page 33, line 17), Example 12, (page 35, line 1), Example 14 (page 36, line 15), Example 15 (page 38, line 4), and Example 16 (page 39, line 1). No new matter has been added. Attached hereto at the end of this Amendment is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned “**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**”

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Appendix A
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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

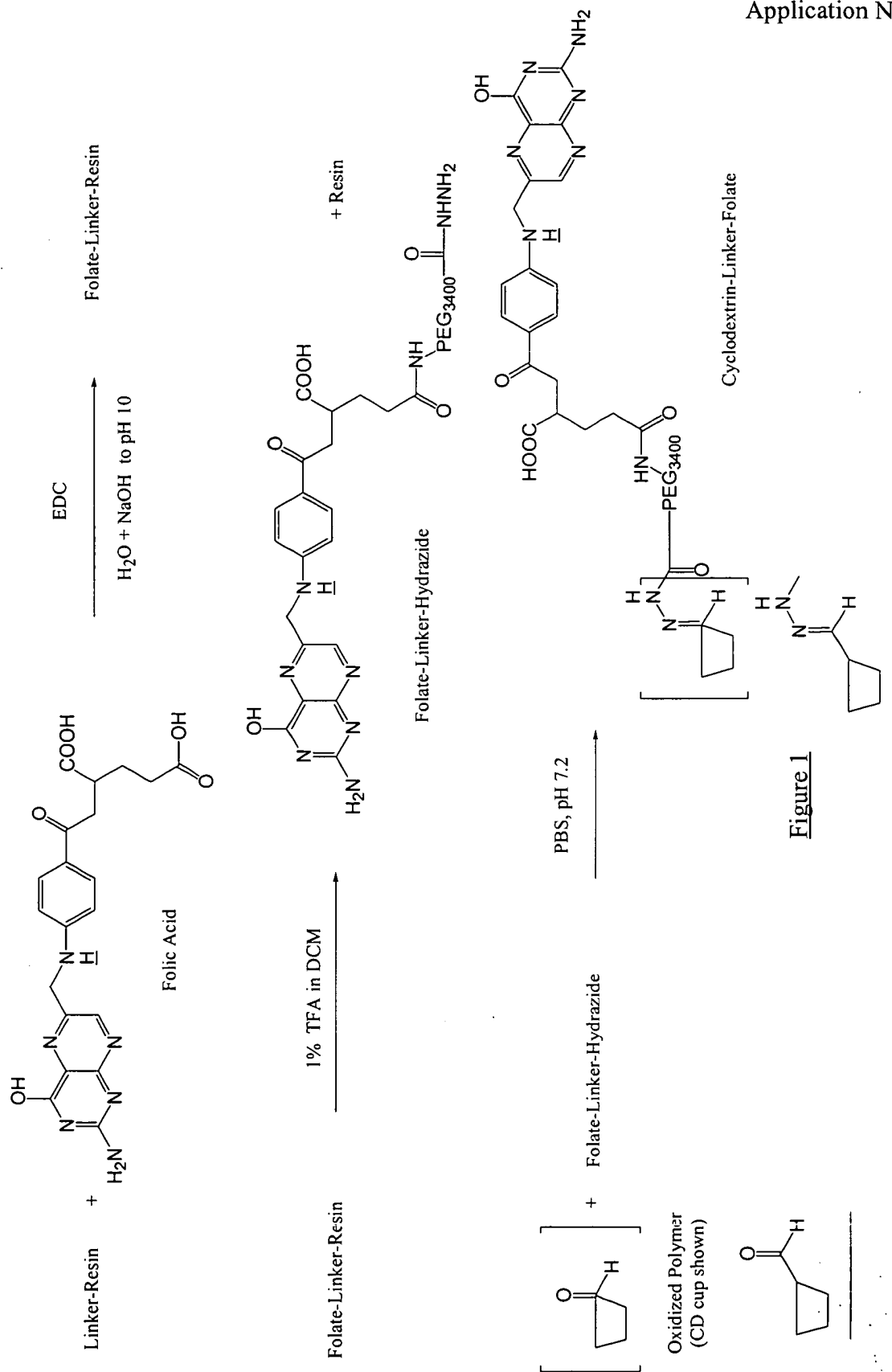
On page 7, line 20, inset the following:

Brief Description of the figures:

Figure 1 depicts the synthetic scheme for the folate ligand attachment to cyclodextrin polymer according to Example 17 on page 39.

Figure 2 depicts the synthetic scheme for the folate ligand attachment to cyclodextrin polymer according to Example 18 on page 43.

Figure 3 depicts the synthetic scheme for the transferrin ligand attachment to cyclodextrin polymer according to Example 19 on page 45.



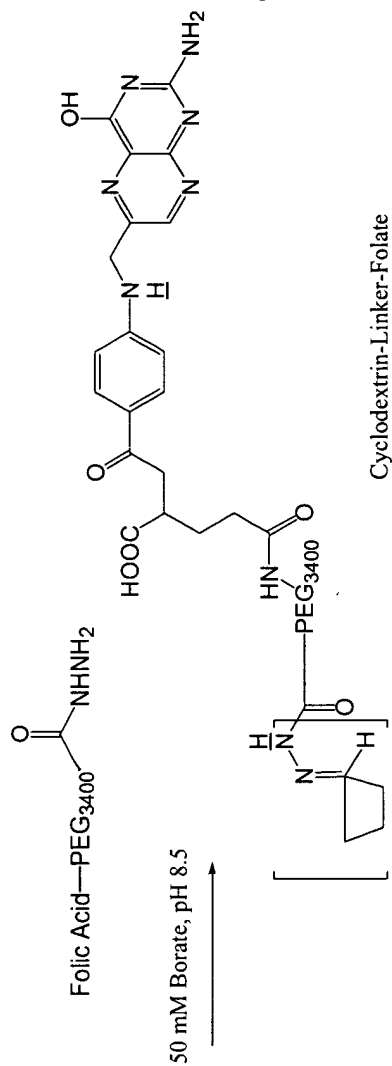
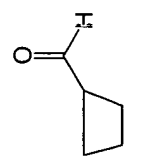
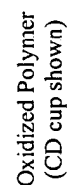
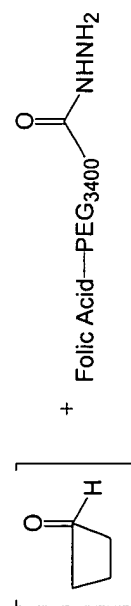
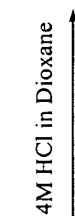
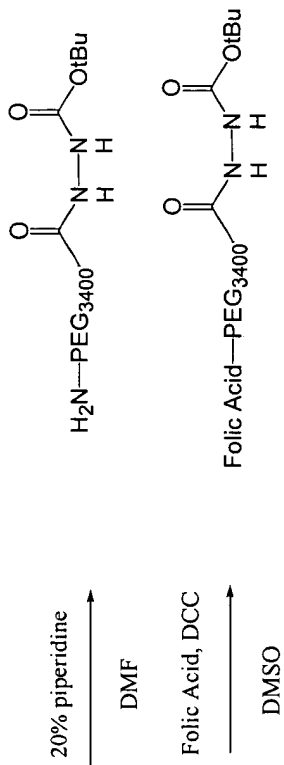
$$\text{FMOC---NH---PEG}_{3400}\text{---NH} + \text{H}_2\text{NHN} \longrightarrow \text{FMOC---NH---PEG}_{3400}\text{---NH---NH---NH} + \text{OtBu}$$


Figure 2

TRANSFERRIN ATTACHMENT TO CYCLODEXTRIN POLYMER

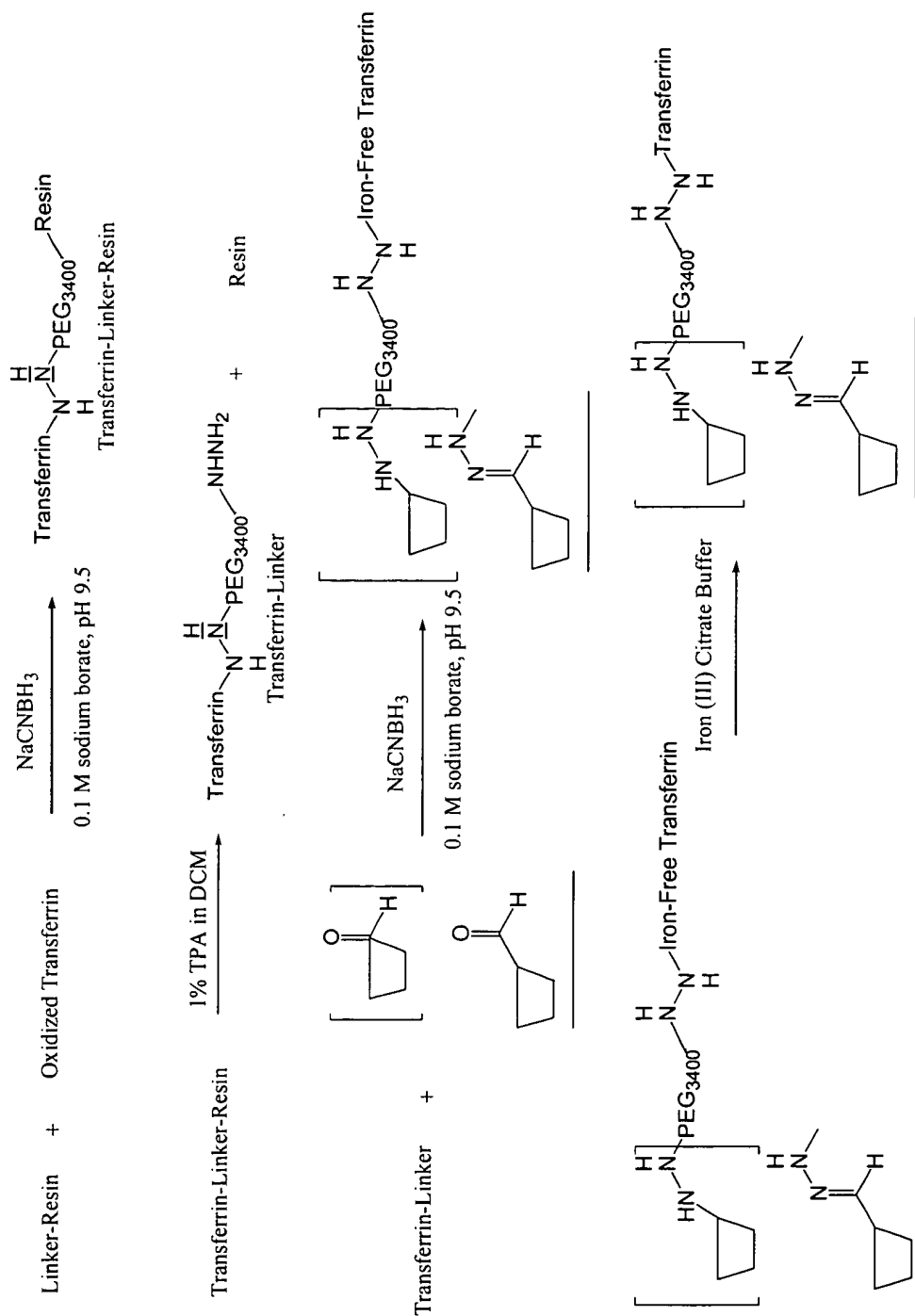
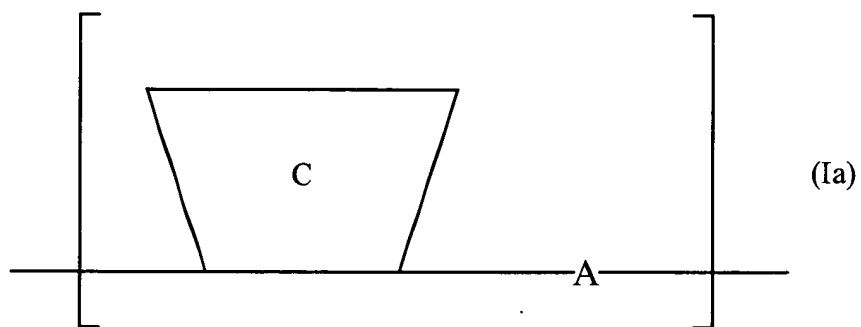


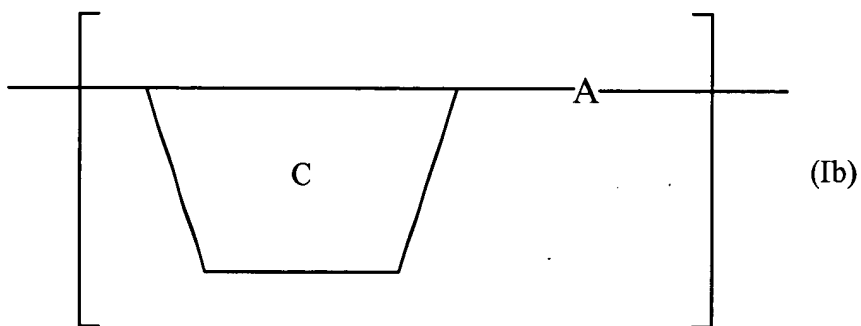
Figure 3

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 (Amended) A water-soluble, linear cyclodextrin copolymer comprising repeating units of formula Ia, Ib or a combination thereof:



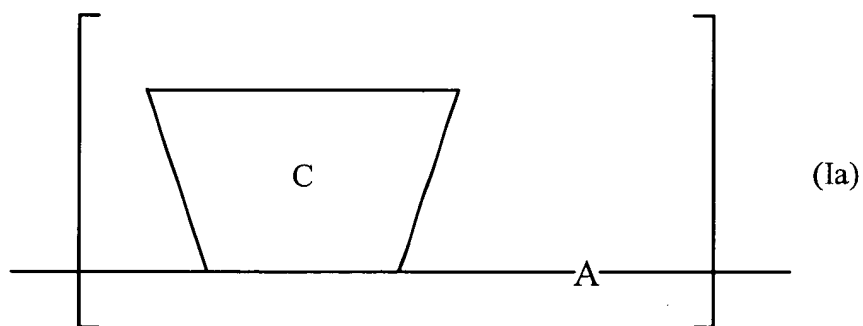
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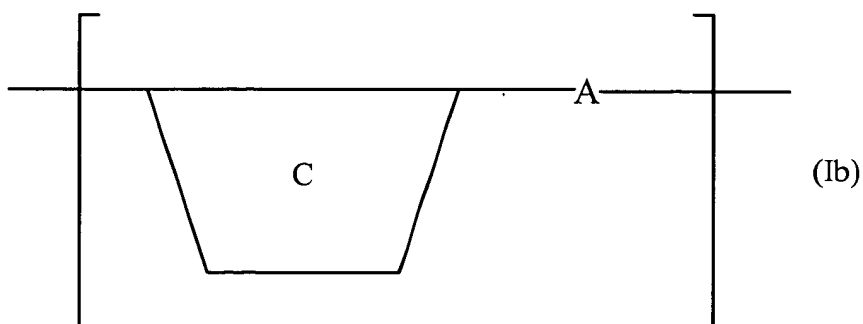
wherein C is a substituted or unsubstituted cyclodextrin monomer and A is a comonomer bound to cyclodextrin C.

24. (Amended) A method of preparing a water-soluble, linear cyclodextrin copolymer comprising the steps of:

copolymerizing a cyclodextrin monomer precursor, where said cyclodextrin monomer precursor is disubstituted with the same or different leaving group, with a comonomer A precursor capable of displacing said leaving groups to form a linear cyclodextrin copolymer having repeating units of formula Ia and Ib, or a combination thereof:

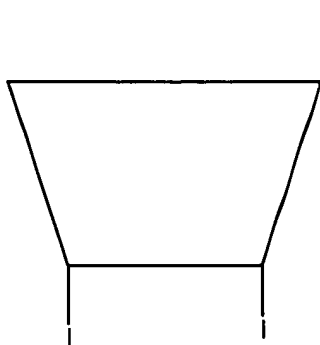


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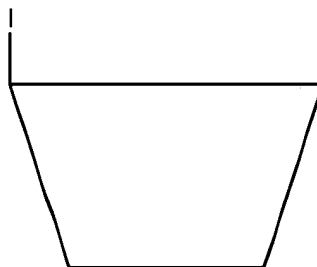


wherein C is a substituted or unsubstituted cyclodextrin monomer and A is a comonomer bound to cyclodextrin C.

25. (Amended) A method of preparing a water-soluble, linear cyclodextrin copolymer of claim 24, wherein said disubstituted cyclodextrin monomer precursor is a diiodinated cyclodextrin monomer precursor of formula IVa, IVb, IVc.

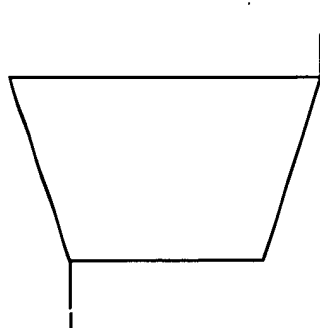


(IVa)



(IVb)

and



(IVc)